

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Agency for International Development		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Board for International Food and Agricultural Development		1053	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	03/06/2019	03/06/2021	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Section 298, Title XII, Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.	12/20/1975	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open 5	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	Other Activities 0
17d. Total 5			

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The side event, entitled Building an Evidence Base for Resilience Programming under the USG Global Food Security Strategy: Bridging the Gap Between Humanitarian and Development Assistance, will include the awarding of the BIFAD Prize for Scientific Excellence, an update from USAID's Bureau for Food Security, an overview of the impetus and rationale for elevating resilience in the Global Food Security Strategy, a progress update by USAID on resilience in the face of the current drought in the Horn of Africa, and an expert panel on the emerging evidence base on resilience. The panel will discuss state-of-the-art approaches to resilience measurement, as well as what the evidence tells us about sources of resilience that enable households and communities to maintain their food security in the face of recurrent shocks such as drought and—more broadly—to sustainably escape and remain out of poverty in the face of complex risks. More information, including a detailed agenda and registration information, can be found on the BIFAD landing page at http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html .	10/17/2017	10/17/2017

A public meeting, Building an Evidence Base on Rural Youth Employment and Livelihoods. will develop a shared understanding of rural labor markets and youth-specific constraints, discuss the evidence base on programs that aim to improve rural youth employment and livelihoods, outline cross-sectoral opportunities to support and empower youth to take advantage of agricultural system market opportunities, and identify knowledge gaps on which U.S. university research partners can generate evidence to address. 05/08/2018 - 05/08/2018

A public meeting, Resilience Measurement and Analysis, will share knowledge about theoretical and applied frameworks for resilience measurement and analysis and to identify opportunities to leverage U.S. university research capabilities to support resilience measurement and analysis. 05/09/2018 - 05/09/2018

A public meeting will gather input for a new study BIFAD is commissioning to understand the U.S. benefits and capabilities leveraged from strategic USAID investments in developing country agriculture and food security. Dr. Joe Glauber, Senior Research Fellow at IFPRI, will lead the study. 08/08/2018 - 08/08/2018

A public meeting on the new Feed the Future Learning Agenda will be held from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm EDT on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at the Murrow/White/Lisagor Room, 13th floor, National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC and via live-stream. Dr. Mark Keenum, BIFAD Chair, will preside over the meeting. The meeting will include an update on a study commissioned by BIFAD and USAID on U.S. benefits and capabilities leveraged from strategic USAID investments in developing country agriculture and food security, led by Dr. Joseph Glauber, Senior Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The new Learning Agenda builds on the first Feed the Future Learning Agenda launched in 2012. Through the Learning Agenda, the U.S. Government seeks to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Feed the Future initiative by generating, synthesizing, communicating and applying evidence related to key questions. Evidence from the Learning Agenda will inform the design of Feed the Future-related strategies, programs, projects and activities. The Learning Agenda will also serve to address requirements laid out in section 8(a)(14) of the Global Food Security Act on sharing lessons learned from implementation of the Global Food Security Strategy. This Feed the Future Learning Agenda will focus on eight areas: (1) Gender and women's empowerment, (2) Market systems, (3) Policy systems, (4) Nutrition, (5) Risk and resilience, (6) Youth, (7) Water and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and (8) Scaling technologies and practices. These areas reflect work and research being carried out under the Feed the Future initiative. Analytical outputs from the work in these areas will feed into the answering Learning Agenda questions. BIFAD is taking this opportunity to welcome public input on these focus areas, the types of questions to be examined, and research under way that might help contribute. Beginning at 12:30 pm EDT, Chairman Keenum will moderate a half-hour public comment period. The public meeting will adjourn at 1:00 pm EDT. Please register for the meeting at the following link (insert hyperlink). Content from the September 12 meeting, including links to the video recordings, slides and minutes, will be uploaded on the BIFAD documents page. 09/12/2018 - 09/12/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 5

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$396,514.00	\$396,514.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$282,654.00	\$282,654.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$27,209.00	\$27,209.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$3,270.00	\$3,270.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$9,939.00	\$9,939.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$227,952.00	\$227,952.00
18d. Total	\$947,538.00	\$947,538.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.50	2.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee (BIFAD) assists USAID in the administration of programs authorized by Title XII. More specifically, this includes participating in the planning, development and implementation of, initiating recommendations for, and monitoring of the Section 297 program components of Title XII through U.S. public universities and their public/private partners. Title XII Section 297 activities support agricultural development in developing countries by: 1) building institutional capacity and human resource skills, 2) providing long-term U.S. university program support for global collaborative research and learning, 3) involving U.S. universities more fully in the international network of agricultural science, and 4) providing program support for international agricultural research centers, special research problems and national research systems. The BIFAD members focus on higher level strategic oriented issues and the BIFAD subordinate units focus on operational planning and implementation issues. All BIFAD activities are coordinated through the BIFAD secretariat located in the Bureau for Food Security. To facilitate BIFAD's access to U.S. public university and college expertise, the BIFAD secretariat collaborates closely with the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The BIFAD Secretariat draws upon other U.S. agency expertise as appropriate. Committee reports submitted to the USAID Administrator have been reviewed and acted upon by the Bureau for Food Security and other relevant bureaus as appropriate.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is drawn from US public universities, US agro-industry and non-profit organizations concerned with international agricultural development.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

There are two or three public meetings a year to exchange information, to advise the Agency of developments in the academic and private sectors, and to respond to issues raised by the Agency.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

BIFAD is legislatively mandated to provide USAID a unique point of access and strategic cooperation with U.S. state and local public universities and colleges that are implementing their own international agricultural development programs based on domestic regional, state and local security and economic prosperity imperatives. BIFAD coordination not only provides USAID systematic access to the top level scientific, technical and institutional expertise to address critical international food, climate and agriculture developments but it also enables USAID to lead a truly whole of U.S.

government response to global food security by enlisting the support of not only our federal government partners but our state and local governments partners as well.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

There are no closed meetings. However, BIFAD does hold administrative meetings in conjunction with its regular meetings for planning purposes or to gather information. BIFAD also holds periodic teleconferences in between its public meetings as appropriate to update members on BIFAD secretariat activities and to plan upcoming meetings.

21. Remarks

In FY18 BIFAD held the following meetings: •Side event at the World Food Prize October 17 2017 Building an Evidence Base for Resilience Programming under the USG Global Food Security Strategy: Bridging the Gap Between Humanitarian and Development Assistance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss state-of-the-art approaches to resilience measurement, as well as what the evidence tells us about sources of resilience that enable households and communities to maintain their food security in the face of recurrent shocks such as drought and—more broadly—to sustainably escape and remain out of poverty in the face of complex risks. •A May 8 2018 public meeting on Building an Evidence Base on Rural Youth Employment and Livelihoods. The meeting purpose was to develop a shared understanding of rural labor markets and youth-specific constraints, discuss the evidence base on programs that aim to improve rural youth employment and livelihoods, outline cross-sectoral opportunities to support and empower youth to take advantage of agricultural system market opportunities, and identify knowledge gaps on which U.S. university and other research partners can generate evidence to address. •A May 9 2018 public meeting in Washington DC on Resilience Measurement and Analysis. The meeting purpose was to share knowledge about theoretical and applied frameworks for resilience measurement and analysis and to identify opportunities to leverage U.S. university research capabilities to support resilience measurement and analysis. This event responded to priorities identified during the BIFAD meeting at the 2017 World Food Prize and the 2017 USAID Resilience Evidence Summit. •An August 8 2018 public meeting US Benefits and Capabilities Leveraged from Strategic USAID Investments in Developing Country Agriculture and Food Security. A new study commissioned by BIFAD will analyze US benefits and capabilities leveraged from strategic USAID investments in developing country agriculture and food security. A team led by Dr. Joe Glauber, International Food Policy Research Institute, will implement the study. The purpose of the meeting was to: (1) review and provide feedback on a draft conceptual framework characterizing the channels by which USAID food and agricultural development investments in developing countries affect the American economy; (2) identify the types and assess the quality of evidence available to estimate the importance of the channels;

and (3) suggest other data sources for consideration in the study. •A September 12 2018 public meeting to launch the Feed the Future Learning Agenda. Through the Learning Agenda, the U.S. Government seeks to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Feed the Future initiative by generating, synthesizing, communicating and applying evidence related to key questions. Evidence from the Learning Agenda will inform the design of Feed the Future-related strategies, programs, projects and activities. The Learning Agenda will also serve to address requirements laid out in section 8(a)(14) of the Global Food Security Act on sharing lessons learned from implementation of the Global Food Security Strategy. This Feed the Future Learning Agenda will focus on eight areas: (1) Gender and women’s empowerment, (2) Market systems, (3) Policy systems, (4) Nutrition, (5) Risk and resilience, (6) Youth, (7) Water and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and (8) Scaling technologies and practices. These areas reflect work and research being carried out under the Feed the Future initiative. Analytical outputs from the work in these areas will feed into the answering Learning Agenda questions. BIFAD is taking this opportunity to welcome public input on these focus areas, the types of questions to be examined, and research under way that might help contribute.

Designated Federal Officer

Clara K. Cohen Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Pamela	10/13/2015	07/28/2017	Director General Emerita, International Potato Center	Representative Member
Ash, James	06/15/2015	07/28/2017	Food and Agribusiness Group Head, Husch Blackwell LLP	Representative Member
Cruzado, Waded	07/28/2016	07/28/2020	President, Montana State University	Representative Member
Deaton, Brady	07/28/2016	07/28/2020	Chancellor Emeritus, University of Missouri	Representative Member
Ejeta, Gebisa	10/13/2015	07/28/2017	Distinguished Professor, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University	Representative Member
Keenum, Mark	04/20/2018	07/28/2020	President, Mississippi State University	Representative Member
Lackey, Richard	04/20/2018	07/28/2020	CEO, Global Food Bank	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

Title XII food and agricultural development programs implemented through U.S. public universities and colleges represent an important segment of the U.S. Feed the Future strategic food security programming. BIFAD provides recommendations on Title XII aspects of Feed the Future, specifically related to collaborative research and capacity development. BIFAD also coordinates more full and robust utilization of U.S. public

university and colleges and their private/public partners to address agricultural development challenges facing the developing countries under Feed the Future.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

BIFAD does not review specific projects or agency initiatives whereby a cost-saving analysis would occur. BIFAD focuses its attention at the policy and strategic level as related to USAID's agricultural programs.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

Number of Recommendations Comments

BIFAD is a statutory committee and has been in place since 1975, so it is difficult to quantify the number of recommendations over the life of the committee. In FY14, BIFAD made 14 programmatic recommendations to USAID related human and institutional capacity development. BIFAD issued no formal recommendations in FY15, FY16, FY17, or FY18. We anticipate that the BIFAD will issue a memo to the Administrator by the end of CY18 with formal recommendations from several past meetings.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14 from 2014 HICD report.

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1867/BIFAD-HICD%20%20Final%20Report>

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided via the public meetings, communications with the USAID Administrator, BIFAD executive office, to USAID staff as well as during preparatory work undertaken by the Board prior to the public meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



Issued new regulation



Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

BIFAD's FY 18 work plan included engagement to inform the operationalization of the Global Food Security Strategy, especially in the areas of nutrition, youth, and resilience; engagement to help identify opportunities to engage the private sector; engagement to launch a Learning Agenda for Feed the Future; and enhancing understanding of the US benefits of USAID developing country food and agriculture investments. BIFAD also focuses on concerns of US universities related to Title XII programs and priority setting in in Feed the Future programming for USAID consideration. Specific points of interest are collaborative research priorities and human and institutional capacity development issues.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A